

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash, said diaper comprising a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper.
2. A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said fibers are cellulosic fibers.
3. A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said coated fibers are disposed in said diaper as randomly scattered fibers in a paper layer.
4. A disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash according to claim 1 wherein said coated fibers are dispersed in a paper layer positioned in said diaper to rest against the skin of the user.
5. A method for the manufacture of a disposable paper diaper for combating diaper rash comprising incorporating a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal,  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper in an inner layer of said disposable diaper.
6. A method according to claim 5 wherein said fibers are cellulosic fibers.
7. A disposable diaper liner for combating diaper rash, said diaper liner comprising a plurality of fibers coated with an anti-bacterial and anti-fungal  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  cationic, water-insoluble form of copper.